

Appl. No. 09/604,301
Amdt. Dated September 3, 2004
Reply to Office Action of July 8, 2004

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 81784.0210
Customer No. 26021

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-19 are pending in the Application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is being amended to improve its form. No new matter is involved.

On June 9, 2004, Applicants filed a Response to Final Office Action, which was responsive to the Office Action of March 3, 2004. On July 8, 2004, an Advisory Action issued which indicated that the Response of June 9, 2004 was not being entered. Accordingly, Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to have the Response of June 9, 2004 entered and considered. In addition, this Amendment is being filed in order to correct two minor matters of form in Claim 1.

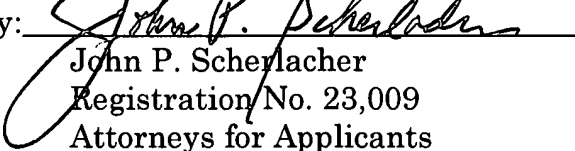
Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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